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Applicant: Aftanas

Group Art Unit: OQMT

Examiner: Garbe

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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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